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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

Summary

Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13, the convening of a special session of one week's duration in 1999 would require an additional appropriation of $94,800 under section 1A (Overall policy-making, direction and coordination) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999 for the travel of members of the Committee on Contributions who are not resident in New York and for the travel of the Chairman of the Committee to introduce the Committee's report to the Fifth Committee.

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A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13, the General Assembly would request the Committee on Contributions to hold a special session of one week's duration as early as possible in 1999 to consider representations from Member States with respect to the application of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-third session pursuant to rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

B. Activities by which the request would be implemented

2. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13, the Secretary-General would make the necessary arrangements for a session of the Committee on Contributions of one week's duration in New York early in 1999 to consider representations from Member States with respect to the application of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations.

C. Additional requirements for 1998–1999

3. It is estimated that, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13, total additional requirements would amount to $271,800, based on the following assumptions:

(a) There would be 10 meetings of the Committee during the one-week session, with two meetings per day;

(b) Interpretation and documentation would be provided in all languages of the General Assembly;

(c) For the special session of the Committee, there would be 10 documents of 60 pages of pre-session documentation, 1 document of 20 pages of in-session documentation and 1 document of 30 pages of post-session documentation;

(d) Members of the Committee on Contributions that are not resident in New York would be reimbursed for their travel and subsistence costs in connection with their attendance at the Committee's meetings, in accordance with their normal entitlement. Provision would also be made for travel and subsistence of the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions to introduce the Committee's report to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly.

4. These requirements may be broken down as follows:

	United States dollars
Travel and subsistence of members	94 800
Conference-servicing requirements	177 000
	271 800

D. Conclusions and recommendations

5. No provisions have been made in 1999 under the programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999 for the travel and subsistence for the members of the Committee on Contributions that are not resident in New York, nor for the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions to introduce the Committee's report to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13, an additional appropriation would be required under section 1A (Overall policy-making, direction and coordination) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999. In respect of conference-servicing requirements, it is anticipated that the session of the Committee on Contributions would be added to the calendar of conferences. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity would need to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences for 1998–1999. However, provisions are made under section 1B of the programme budget for 1998-1999, not only for meetings programmed at the time of budget preparation, but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences are consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On this basis, it is not anticipated that additional resources would be required for conference servicing.

6. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13, an additional appropriation of $94,800 would be required under section 1A (Overall policy-making, direction and coordination) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999.